

wicked. For my part, I am so uneasy in my mind, when I have done a fault, that I cannot sleep a wink all night long: and surely Simeon and Levi, who murdered all those people, could not enjoy any happiness.

*Mademoiselle.* No, my dear; when people begin to be wicked, their consciences sting them; but if, notwithstanding such admonitions, they still go on in their crimes, remorse wears off by degrees, and at length the voice of conscience is totally stifled, which is the greatest misfortune that can possibly happen. Observe too, my dear children, how dangerous it is for a young lady to be curious, and to love gadding abroad: if Dinah had been contented to stay at home, she would not have caused all these terrible misfortunes. Women are made for retirement, and ought to bring themselves to love it; I have but a very mean opinion of a young lady that loves to be always rambling about. Some time ago, I told

told you, it was a woman's duty to look after her family. But it is not for them to do this, if they are not rich.

*Miss Sprightly.* But, Mademoiselle, rich people have servants to look after their families; and I always thought that poor women were obliged to look after their families.

*Mademoiselle.* Indeed, my dear, you are very much mistaken. It is not for the rich to eat the sweat of their brow, but to be able to do what they ought to work; it is a duty of a daughter upon all; and to take care of her family is as much the duty of a lady as that of a tradesman's wife. supposing idleness to be no fault, should always employ themselves in the management of their houses. Remember this, my dear children, that if you were ever so rich, yet you must look into your affairs yourself; your servants would, perhaps, cheat you, and your tradesmen would agree with you.